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MAIL.

日四月十一年辰戌同 PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

Intended
Despatch.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON—F. ALGER, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Holborn Hill, E.C.—BATES HENDY & CO.,
4 Old Jewry, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND—GORDON & GOTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO, and American Posts
generally—WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.

CHINA—Swatow, Brown & CO., Amoy,
Canton, Foochow, Macao, Hongkong,
etc.; O. KARUTH & CO.

Arrivals.

Jan. 5. *Wilhelm*, N. G. barque, 236, Ul-
rich, Newcastle, N.S.W., No. 3, 309 tons
Coal—MELCHERS & CO.

Jan. 5. *Gedgrave*, Brit. ship, 666, Deward,
Shanghai, Dec. 20, General—Chinese.

Jan. 5. *Frederick*, Belgian ship, 403, Ni-
taine, Shanghai, Jan. 1, Cotton—BORNEO
Co., Limited.

Jan. 5. *Kuang Tung*, Brit. steamer, 485,
Pitman, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, Jan.
3, 4 and 5. General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK
& CO.

Departures.

Jan. 6. *Asa Eldridge*, for Manila.
6. *Dunkirk*, for Saigon.
8. *Edith Bayfield*, for Saigon.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.—Per *Kuang Tung*, Miss Pun-
chard, Messrs. Dredge, Smith, Mr. Kar,
Obstinator, Roach, 3 European deck and
10 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The North German barque *Wilhelm*, from
Newcastle, N.S.W., reports the first part
of passage fine weather and light wind from N.
Crossed the Equator on 30th Nov. in long.
168° E.; from thence had light winds and
calms till South of Formosa, then had
strong wind from Northerly till 1st Jan-
uary, when had light wind till arrival in
port.

The Belgian ship *Fredrick*, from Shang-
hai, reports left Shanghai 1st January at
Noon, winds strong from N. W. to N. E.
till Swatow, light breeze easterly. On the
4th at midnight brought the vessel to, awaiting
daylight to enter by Lyaopon pass.
Winds being Northerly and baffling pro-
vided by Eastern Lema Channel; anchored
at Hongkong at 6 a.m. Passed steam-
ship *Ed. King* proceeding up Yang-tze-
kiang river.

The British ship *Gedgrave*, from Shang-
hai, reports fine weather and light variable
winds, first part afterwards strong gales
from N.E. which lasted until 31st Decem-
ber, when made Great Lama Island;
wind now blowing strong from the North-
ward which compelled us to carry a strong
press of canvas to keep to windward until
it moderated on the 3d. On same day sig-
nalled the British ship *Dartmouth*, from
Shanghai to New York 3 days out.

The steamship *Kuang Tung* left Foo-
chow on Sunday the 3rd, Amoy 4th and
Swatow the 5th January, the reports mod-
erate monsoon and fair weather on the
passage down. The steamer *Douglas* was
in Amoy on the 4th and the *Yesso* in Swatow
on the 5th. B.M. gunboat *Bucco*
was in dock at Foochow undergoing repairs,
and the gunboat *Cochrane* was in Swatow.
The *Kuang Tung* brings treasure and Sun-
dries as cargo.

New Advertisements.

FOR SHANGAI.
The steamer
"TITANIA,"

will be despatched for the
above port To-morrow, the
7th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.
Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

FOR NEW YORK.

The favorite American ship
"MAGNET,"
Master, having
the greater part of her cargo engag-
ed, will load here, and at Whampoa, for
the above port, and have quick despatch:
For Freight or Passage, apply to
OLYPHANT & CO.

Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

FOR SWATOW.
The Steamship
"KWANG TUNG,"
Captain UPTON, will have
immediate despatch for the
above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

F. A. WHALER, begs to announce to
his patrons and the public generally,
that he has removed to No. 20, Queen's
Road Central, (opposite LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO.'s), where he hopes, by attention to
business to receive a continuance of their
patronage.

Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.
STOVES—STOVES—
Apply to
L. FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, January 2, 1869.

BONNETT & CO.
HAVE received by latest arrivals.
Racing SADDLERY JACKETS,
CAPS, white CLOTH for Riding Breeches
BOOTS, Racing SPURS, &c., &c.
Horse RUGS, and an assortment of ge-
neral SADDLERY.

Also,
HATS, WHISTLETS, Jet JEW-
ELRY, &c., &c.

Gentlemen's SCARFS, and colored and
white Kid Gloves.

1, Wyndham Street,

Hongkong, January 2, 1869.

Ex "Milado" and "Whitehall,"
MISS ROSE

AS received a Choice Selection of French
and English Fancy GOODS, suitable
for BIRTHDAY and CHRISTMAS PRE-
SENTS, also TOYS, in great variety.

Quilting, Serges, Rape, plain and printed
Flannels, Prints, Calicos, Merino, and all
the newest designs in Woolen GOODS.

Blankets, Truckaback and Turkish Tow-
eling, Bath Blankets, and Turkish Tow-
eling, Bath Blankets, &c., &c.

And, per last Overland Mail;

Ladies' and Children's Hats and Bonnets.

Silk Velvet, Velveteen, and Cloth Jack-
ets, in the latest styles.

WELLINGTON STREET,

Opposite the Catholic Chapel,

Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having PURCHASED
the Interest of the "WANCHI STEAM
BAKERY," beg to notify the Public of Hong-
kong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to
furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD
in various forms, to any part of the Colony.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at
at rates constantly on hand or baked in
quantities at short notice.

Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sug-
AR BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.

Also Corn and Rice MEAL, HOMINY,
CORN STARCH, BICARB., SODA, Sal-
tate and Cream TARTAR.

FLOUR of best Brands constantly on
hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or
Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the Superintendence
of Mr. JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders
forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at
Messrs. MACAEWEN & CO.'s will receive
prompt attention.

L. P. WARD,
Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

50 bundles, each 1000 Partridge
Canes, ready packed for
shipment.

Also,
Ex "Dunkirk."

More or less damaged by sea water,
2 cases, each 400 dozen & Lawn
Handkerchiefs.

Also,
Ex "Red Deer."

More or less damaged by sea water,

D. S. & CO. NO. 3

10 copper Sheets 4 ft. + 2 ft. + 10
10 ft. + 2 ft. + 10 ft.

D. S. & CO. NO. 4

10 copper Sheets 6 ft. + 2 ft. + 10
10 ft. + 6 ft. + 2 ft. + 10 ft.

D. S. & CO. NO. 5

1 Pack composition Nails (stem)
21 inches.

D. S. & CO. NO. 1

21 Yellow Metal Stem-plates, 10
feet + 12 in. + 14 in.

D. S. & CO. NO. 2

20 Yellow Metal Stem-plates, 10
feet + 14 in. + 16 in. 64 oz.

Metal

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1869.

BOWRA & CO. will sell by Public
Auction, on

TUESDAY,

12th January, 1869, at 11 o'clock A.M.,
on the Premises, Queen's Road West,
Two doors West from the "London Inn."

Sundry Household FURNITURE,
Glassware, Crockery-ware, a large Collec-
tion of Engravings and Paintings,
etc., etc.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 5, 1869.

GENERAL WEEKLY AUCTION.

ANE CRAWFORD & CO. will sell
by Public Auction in their sales
Rooms, Queen's Road, on

SATURDAY,

9th inst., at Noon,—

The following GOODS, namely:—

(To be sold without reserve.)

100 doz men's Ringwood Gloves

50 doz men's woolen Mits

25 doz men's Pants

100 doz men's Lambwool Half
hose

40 doz men's Regatta Shirts

1000 yards fancy Tweeds

500 yards superfine Black Cloth

All just arrived and of superior qua-
lity.

Also,

500 superior Tower Muskets

500 Austrian Muskets

1500 lbs. Hall's best Gunpowder

100 doz women's Merino Hoses

40 cases Boker's Bitters

200 doz Farina's genuine Eat-
ing Colognes

A nicely assorted collection of Flower
and vegetable Seeds.

An Invoice of Ladies' Belts, Hair
Bands, Gold, Silver and Jet Dress Orna-
ments.

An Invoice of Hats of all the newest
Shapes.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cas before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

For further particulars, apply to the
Undersigned.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, January 4, 1869.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits —

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 12 , 4 per cent. "

" 12 , 5 per cent. "

" LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED."

Credits granted on approved Securities
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drifts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRASSER,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, January 4, 1869.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster and General Commission Agent. C. LANGDON DAVIES.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port. S. L. PHILIPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm, under Full-particulars will be duly announced.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & CO., GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.
Saigon, December 20, 1868.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. CLAU BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date, DREYER & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

INSURANCES.
THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL 2,000,000 Dollars, in 2,000 Shares of 1,000 Dollars each.

Consulting Committee:
GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq.
Wm. KAYE, Esq.
R. ROWELL, Esq.
S. D. SASOON, Esq.
F. BULXAY, Esq.
General Manager—MESSRS JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Head Office, No. 39, Queen's Road.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, which expired by effluxion of time in a few months, having proved a highly successful undertaking, it has been determined by a large number of its shareholders to form a permanent Company, under the same management and with increased Capital.

It is proposed to register the Company under the Limited Liability Ordinance, and the amount of the Capital having been fixed at Two Millions of Dollars, it is considered that Insurers will be amply secured thereby, while at the same time each shareholder will know the extent of his individual liability. The capital proposed to be called up amounts to a large sum, and provision will be made for the creation of an ample Reserve Fund which will, it is expected, in a very short time accumulate to an amount practically to give the fullest security both to Insureds and Insureds, irrespective of the unpaid Capital.

It is intended to anticipate the termination of the Old Company, by dissolving it from and after the 31st December next, and measures are being taken for that purpose.

In anticipating a successful career for the New Company, it is only necessary to present to the public the results of the Old Company since its establishment in May 1868, as exhibited by the following figures:

The total premium collected
from the 1st May 1868 to
the 31st December, a period
of only two years and five
months, amounted to \$304,727.72
and losses which have been
paid within the same period
have amounted to \$130,081.22
and include the large sum
of \$85,270 lost by the Fire
at Hongkong in Nov. 1867.

The amount now at the Credit
of the Working Account
after paying all expenses
and Re-insurances to date,
exceeds \$160,000.00.

These figures fully warrant the most sanguine expectations of success, and it is reasonable to expect that, strengthened with larger Capital, the present undertaking cannot fail to prove at least as successful as the former one. The Old Company, when it entered the field, had to create a business for itself, but the New one, in taking over the outstanding risks and connections of the Old Company, will at once receive a very large amount of premium, and enter on a profitable and organised business. Moreover, there is no doubt that the risk of Fire in Hongkong has been greatly diminished by the Building Regulations now in force, and by the establishment of a Fire Brigade.

The following are the main features of the New Company:

1. A first Call of \$100, to be paid upon each share, or allotment, and a further Call of \$100 to be paid in Six Months; all further Calls to be determined upon at General Meetings of the shareholders; interest at 12 per cent per annum to be paid in the first instance allowed on the paid up Capital, such Interest to be payable half-yearly, on 30th June, and 30th December. The profits after deducting the said Interest to be applied thus:—20 per cent *pro rata*; amongst such of the shareholders as shall have contributed or influenced business to the Company, and the remainder in forming a Reserve Fund of \$200,000.

When such Reserve Fund shall have accumulated, the payment of Interest to cease, and the profits to be apportioned thus:—20 per cent to be distributed amongst the shareholders who shall have contributed business to the Company; 30 per cent to the augmentation of the Reserve Fund until it shall reach \$1,000,000, at which figure it is to be permanently maintained; and the remaining 50 per cent to be distributed by way of dividend amongst the shareholders generally.

No shareholder to hold more than 250 shares.

5. The Company to be managed by General Managers, with the assistance of a Consulting Committee.

6. The Funds of the Company to be deposited in Banks or in Government Securities approved by the Committee.

The Deed of Association may be inspected at the Office of the General Managers, or at the Office of Mr. HENRY C. CALDWELL, the Solicitor of the Company.

Hongkong, December 15, 1868.

New Advertisements.

THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.

MADAME MARIETTA BOUCHE has the honor to announce that, previous to her departure for Shanghai, she will give a

FAREWELL BENEFIT CONCERT.

Under the

DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF

His Excellency
Sir RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.,
and Lady MACDONNELL,
on the Evening of

FRIDAY,

January 7th, 1869.

in THE THEATRE of the CLUB LISITANO.

Full-particulars will be duly announced.

Madame BOUCHE trusts that upon the above occasion, the last in which she will appear in the colony, and when a programme specially selected will be presented, that she may be honored by the full patronage of the public of Hongkong.

Tickets may be had and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

BOWRA & CO. will sell by Public Auction, by order and at the Godown of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., East Point, on

FRIDAY,

8th January 1869, at Noon,—

(For the benefit of the concerned.)

24 bales Cotton YARN.

2 boxes Grey SHIRTINGS.

More or less damaged.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

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HAIR-DRESSING ROOM.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Hoopy," 31st October, 1868.

VG 827. 1 case Arms.

Ex "Tigre," 6th January, 1869.

P 850. 1 case Books.

MC 23. 1 case Watches.

LG 4. 4 cases Revolvers.

LG 65 bis. 2 cases Shell Scraups.

Eusebio d'Aguino. 2 cases Pistols.

HU & C 361/70. 10 cases Opium.

O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.

Hongkong, January 6, 1869.

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MISS GARRETT

Has just landed "Cissy" and late

Arrivals.

ROQUET, PATCHES, SQUAILS and

LUTTO, Rocking HORSES, DOLLS

in great variety, Magic TOYS, HOOPS,

DRUMS, JUNS, PISTOLS, SWORDS,

SHUTTLECOCKS, Noisome BATTLE-

DORES, and SHUTTLECOCKS, and a

variety of other TOYS.

Also, Leather Foot BALLS, with spare in-

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And, VELVETEENS and SERGES, &c.

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SHIPPING.

RIVALS.
Cent. Amer. ship, 974, J.
unisco, Nov. 21, General
notá, N. Garm. barque,
wato, Jan. 3, Ballast.
Co.
H.B.M. steamer, from

LEARED.
for Nagasaki,
or Macao.
imp.

SENGERS.
European passengers left
on 5th —
John Calarte, Smith, Gil-
dz, Captain Duder.

NG REPORTS.

ship Sea Serpent, from San
dwich Islands, reports
wind on leaving port
4 hours, then light wind
then had trade wind; 13°
Francisco to Sandwich Is-
land, 4th Dec., left on 6th,
monsoon till 2nd January;
had heavy gale
lasted till 3rd January,
light N.W. wind till about
16th November the
despot, Captain Sole, of
N. L. Gresham & Co.)
at Point near San Fran-
cisco and mate and seven
seas; none of the cargo was

ARGOES.
Customs Daily Returns;
ports and Exports passed
over Steamer Office from
ember.
Kinsan and Paying from

gal Cotton

ray Cotton

ton Yarn

Wax

Ginseng

acco

oksilver

ried Prawns

ina Opium

bales Cotton Goods

bales Woolen Goods

Sundries

Kinsan and Paying to
bales Fine Silk

jam

Pices Goods

Refuse

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eng (re-export)

ine

old parcels Sundries

NOTIFICATIONS.

MOY & FOOCHOW, —
On Thursday, the 8th A.M.

to-morrow, the 7th
P.M.

that, under the pro-
treasury Warrant dated
Postage on a Letter not
in weight posted
at any of the Posts in
addressed to Egypt, or
to Hongkong or
China and Japan, and
by British Packet, is
fourteen Cents to Twelve

ding half-an-ounce in
ta of Twelve Cents for
chargeable.

Portage is compulsory.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
Office,

1868.

notified for general in-
Contract between the
Mauritius and the Union
for the Conveyance
between Ceylon and
Mauritius and, the corre-
spondent will be forwarded from

Mail for Aden, from
to its destination by
ticks leaving Aden for
time on the 23rd of each

has been made in the
a correspondence ad-

dition with Natal, and
one is cut off, the
those Colonies, unless
ried by Private Ship,
sent in the Mails for
wing rates of Postage,
in advance, viz —

.... 40 cents each 1 oz.
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.... 6 " " "

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y. of 4 oz. and not
and 20 cents for every

Marshall, 14 cents
ts above for and not
28 cents for every

W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
Hongkong,

1868.

DESPATCH,
y and Foochow. —
ay, the 7th inst., at 9
er Titus, to-morrow,
P.M.

NOTES & QUERIES

ON CHINA AND JAPAN.
NO. 12, VOL. 2,
IS NOW READY.

With the number for January, 1869, will
be published an Index and Title-Page for
the Second Volume, which concludes with
the number for this month.

There being only a limited number of
the present Volume in stock for binding,
early application will be necessary to secure
copies.

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NOTES.—The legend of Hung Cheng
Chow, —Chinese Salutation Dance and
Amateur Actors—Homeopathy in Chi-
nese Medical Practice—Mode of Spelling
the History of the Southern Sung Dy-
nasty—Wu San Kwei and the Ming—
Taming of Wild Oats—In Formosa—
Presentation of Umbrellas—The use of
Iron cylinders in Bridge Building; More
about Henna in China.

QUERIES.—Chinese Army and Navy—
The term Ambulanc; Chinese Cannon
Names of Chinese Drags; The 菩薩
葉 Shrub; Cities of the Dead near Can-
ton.

REPLIES.—The Wax Insect—Dialed
used in Chinese Plays—Chinese Official
Ranks—Jade Stone—The former ac-
count of Penang—The Eight Gods—
Life Boats in China; Introduction of
the Custard Apple—Cochin, China—
Respect paid to Written Paper; The Po-
to-Wai—Monstrous Bamboos—Books
WANTED.—ERRATA.—NOTICES TO COR-
RESPONDENTS.

China Mail Office, 2nd January, 1869.

PRICE 50 CENTS.

A TABLE showing the Proposed Move-
ments of the Mail Steamers Packets of
the P. & O. Company for the Year 1869, as
approved by Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

To be had at the China Mail Office,
Wyndham Street,
Hongkong, December 26, 1868.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6, 1869.

REVIEW.

THE "EVER-VICTORIOUS ARMY."—A
History of the Chinese Campaign under
Lieut.-Col. C. G. Gordon, c.a., n.c., and of the suppression of the
Tri-Ping Rebellion. By Andrew
Wilson. With Six Maps. William
Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and
London, 1868, demy 8vo. p.p. xxxii,
395. Hongkong, Lane, Crawford &
Co. Cloth.

(FIRST NOTICE.)

The memorable episode in the recent
history of China and of her connexion
with Great Britain, which is constituted
by the formation of a brigade of troops
armed and disciplined on the foreign
system, under the leadership of a British
Engineer Officer, together with the ex-
traordinary career of victories achieved
by the valour of this force and the genius
of its commander, undoubtedly deserves
that a careful record be preserved, while
contemporaneous recollection is still
fresh, of its details and attendant circum-
stances. Of all the anomalies that chance
or necessity has introduced in the method
of our dealings with the Chinese Empire,
none has been more startling than the
fact that to British aid was mainly due
the salvation of the present dynasty from
imminent overthrow at the hands of its
insurgent subjects, almost at the identi-
cal moment when the few remaining
resources of the same dynasty were being
vainly exhausted in a hostile collision
with British forces; whilst, assuredly,
no incident in the history of the last few
years deserves to be regarded by English-
men with more legitimate pride than the
record of the brave and disinterested
services rendered by their gallant coun-
tryman Gordon to a cause which he
supported as the sole existing bulwark of
security and order. The campaigns of his
little army, brief as was the period of
their total duration, shed so bright a
luster on their leader's name and so
amply vindicated the title conferred on
him, somewhat boastfully, upon his
Force, that a simple narrative of the
events of 1863 and 1864, could such an
account have been produced by a partici-
pator and an eye-witness of those stirring
occurrences, would doubtless have been
hailed with very great satisfaction by
the reading public in England, as well as in
immediate proximity to the scene of the
narrative. It is to be regretted, indeed,
that no such record, enlightened and
authenticated by personal experience,
has been given to the world; but the
next best thing has been accomplished in
the work before us, where a compilation
from official and newspaper reports, col-
lated with the private papers in the
possession of Lieut.-Col. Gordon himself,
has been performed with commendable
judgment.

Mr. Wilson, the author of the work
before us, adds to a fluent pen the
advantages of a considerable personal
acquaintance with China, in so far as a
residence of several years' duration in
Hongkong can confer familiarity with
the adjacent Empire. As editor of this
journal during some years previous to
1860, he witnessed the development of
the events that shortly preceded the
period with which his present work is
concerned; and he has thus been enabled
to introduce and conclude his account of

Lieut.-Col. Gordon's campaign with a
useful and intelligent survey of the gene-
ral course of Chinese affairs in connection
with the Taiping Rebellion. It has been
objected against his book, we are aware, that
the section which relates to the
"Ever-Victorious Army" is disproportionately
small, in reference to the chapters
giving the author's views on Chinese
politics in general; but for the European
reader, bringing to the perusal of such a
work as this, in nine cases out of ten, only
the scantiest stock of previous
knowledge respecting men and things on
this side of the globe, such explanatory
chapters are in reality indispensable.
Our own objections—for such we have—
against Mr. Wilson's work are of a different
character; but to these we shall
adhere below.

The facts connected with the assumption
by Lieut.-Colonel—then Captain—
Gordon of the command of the Chinese
disciplined troops near Shanghai in 1863
are generally known by all readers in
this country, that do to more than briefly
summarize them here would be a useless task.
The force which Gordon first led to
independent victories was originally
organized in the latter part of 1861, by
an American named Ward, a brave,
unscrupulous adventurer, of that well-
known type which the filibustering spirit,
encouraged in the United States with a
view to acquisitions of Central American
territory, produced in great abundance
between ten and fifteen years ago. Finding
his way to Shanghai, as mate of a
trading vessel, after participating in
Walker's foray into Nicaragua, Ward
contrived to enter the service of the local
authorities, to whom he proved useful in
collecting and keeping together the band
of runaway seamen of all nations with
whom they hoped to be able to make head
against the rebel incursions which
began to threaten seriously in the course
of 1860. In that year, great, and it
was hoped, decisive movement eastward
from Nanking was made by two enormous
Taiping armies, whose progress to within
forty or fifty miles of Shanghai carried
all before it, and whose headquarters were
triumphantly established in the rich and commanding city of Soochow.
Shanghai itself was besieged and
assaulted, but was held against the rebel
attack by a small force of British and
French troops, left in garrison there
during the advance of Sir Hope Grant's
army upon Peking; and when, in 1861,
the allied commanders assembled, at
Shanghai after the restoration of peace with
the Government of China, measures of active hostility against the rebels who
still blockaded the land approaches to
Shanghai were determined upon as a
military necessity. Assistance was therefore
lent to the Chinese authorities in
freeing the "thirty-mile radius" from
rebel occupation; and Vice Admiral
Hope, throwing the whole of his uncom-
trollable energy into the work before
him, gave unlimited support and counte-
nance to the adventurer Ward in arming,
equipping, and drilling the body of
Chinese who had by this time been sub-
stituted for the disorderly band of Euro-
pean deserters originally constituting his
force. The strict neutrality which the
British commanders were compelled to
observe so soon as the distance of thirty
miles from Shanghai was reached con-
fined the operations of their troops with-
in narrow bounds; but Ward was sup-
ported by an irresistible force, in retaking
and holding the various walled towns
within this limit, and eventually, passing
beyond the "charmed circle," did good
service in the adjacent Province of Che-
kiang, until his career was cut short on
the 21st September 1862, when he met
a soldier's death in the act of leading an
attack on the fortifications of Tze-ki
near Ningpo. To him succeeded a North
Carolinian named Burgevine, who, un-
scrupulous and rapacious as his prede-
cessor, failed to exhibit even the redeem-
ing trait of animal courage which veiled
the many repulsive features in Ward's
character. Under Burgevine, the disci-
plined Chinese force, already denoted
the "Ever-Victorious Army," remained
for several months inactive
at its head-quarters, the town of Sung-
Kiang Fu, some twenty miles from
Shanghai; until, at length in January
1863, a stoppage of supplies on the
part of the authorities led to a fracas
with the rebels, who had been encamped
in the neighbourhood of Old Pagoda
since the 1st November last and had
been driven out by the British and
French troops, who had been sent to
relieve the besieged city. The
rebels, however, had not been driven
out, but had entrenched themselves
in the hills behind Sung-Kiang Fu, and
had been reinforced by fresh troops
from Ningpo, so that the British and
French force was now in a difficult
position, as they had no base of opera-
tions, and were unable to sustain
themselves in the face of the
numerous and well-armed rebels.
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lunteer Corps are hereby requested to
return without delay to the Undersigned
if they have been allowed to retain
any of their arms or accoutrements.

They have been allowed to retain
one rifle each.

They have been allowed to retain
one sword each.

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MAILS BY THE "TRAVANCORE." — The Contract Packet "TRAVANCORE" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on TUESDAY, the 12th Instant, at 9 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 8 P.M. on the 11th Instant. Letters, &c., may be posted on the night before TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, until 7 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 7 and 8 A.M. on the 12th instant, will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a Late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 8 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 7 A.M. on the 12th instant.

13.—Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.—Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July; otherwise, the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission is to be deducted from the amount of the Order) will become due.

15.—If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month, after that in which it was drawn,—for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—then claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.—After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Colony or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he sees fit, require the fault in fault to make good the loss.

17.—No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.—Additional Rules for greater security against fraud, and for the better working of the system generally will be made on occasion may require.

19.—Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, in the United Kingdom or Hongkong, Shanghai, or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

20.—Money Orders on any of the Monay Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 28th inst.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

Hongkong, January 4, 1869.

Docks.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice, that the Eight call of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st March next, and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GEORGE N. MINTO,
Secretary,
Hongkong, December 1, 1868.

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4.—Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, shewing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.—Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, with the name of the Remitter and the Payee, if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient, if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers," will suffice; and "Messrs. Ringers," such as "Messrs. Ring," or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Carroll Co." is indmissible.

6.—The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving, or withdrawing, the name of the Payee; in such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.—When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

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